(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) its impact on the court cases of the victims?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) and (b) During the last six months, the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has recommended grant of compensation in 24 cases and for initiating disciplinary action/ prosecution in 6 cases to the various State Government/Union Territories where violation of human rights has occurred. It is for the respective State Governments/ Union Territories to take appropriate action on the recommendations of the NHRC.

(c) to (e) The NHRC is empowered to make recommendations, including grant of compensation to the victims and disciplinary action against those against those responsible for violations, to the concerned Government or Authority for appropriate action under the provisions of the Protection of Human Right Act, 1993. Powers of imposing penalties under the law are already available with the courts in India in such cases. The non availability of powers of imposing penalties with NHRC does not have any impact on court cases filed by victims of human rights violations as these are separately decided on merits by the court.

Delhi Police Atrocities on Bangladeshi Migrants

2222. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:
SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under the grab of driving out of the illegal Bangladeshi migrants, the overzealous Delhi Police are not sparing even the Bengali Hindus who have settled in Delhi and resettlement colonies in sattelite townships and are generally employed as domestic helps and rickshawpullers; and

(b) if so, whether Government would ensure that the police presecutions are stopped forthwith so that these helpless workers who are bona fide citizens of India are allowed to lead a life of dignity and freedom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) and (b) No, Sir. While deporting illegal Bangladeshi immigrants, it is ensured that no harassment is caused to the bona fide Indian citizens.

Illegal Bangladeshi immigrants in the North East

†2223. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cultural pride of the people of Indian origin in various States of the country particularly in North Eastern India has been put in danger due to illegal intrusion of Bangladeshi immigrants as a result of which the public in above places have been compelled to launch a mass movement;

(b) if so, the details of such various mass movement; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to protect the cultural pride of original residents of affected States?;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) There are reports of large scale illegal influx of Bangladeshi nationals who manage to infiltrate into the country in spite of checks and control at the international border due to the long, open and porous nature of the border. The problem of illegal influx is mainly from Bangladeshi. The local people of the North Eastern States perceive their ethnic/cultural identity being threatened by infiltration of other ethnic/cultural groups. To curb illegal influx into the country several measures have been taken by the Government which include strengthening of BSF and equipping them with modern and sophisticated equipment/gadgets; raising of additional battalions of BSF; reduction of gaps between border outpost intencification of patrolling accelerated programme of construction of border roads and border fencing; provision of surveilance equipment, etc. State Governments and Union Territories have also been directed to enfore the provisions of Foreigners Act (IMDT Act in case of Assam) strictly. The powers under Section 3(2)(c) of the Foreigners Act, 1946 to detect and deport foreign nationals staying in India unauthorisedly have been entrusted to the State Government and UT Administrations. Besides administrative instructions are also issued to them from time to time to launch special drives to detect the foreign nationals including